

**EXAMINING PROCEDURE
RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXAMINING GROUP 1627**

PATENT
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: McCafferty, *et al.*
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Title: Methods for Producing
Members of Specific Binding Pairs
Group Art Unit: 1627
Examiner: P. Ponnaluri

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the official action of May 14, 2001, in which the Examiner finally rejected claims 45-65, 78-109 and 145. The applicants respectfully traverse the rejection and request reconsideration in view of the following remarks. No fees are believed to be due, however, should any fees be deemed necessary in connection with the filing of these documents, the Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any such fees from Katten Muchin Zavis Rosenman Deposit Account No. 50-1214.

I. Patentability Arguments

A. The Rejections Under 35 USC §112, 2d Paragraph Should be Withdrawn

The Examiner has maintained the rejection of claims 46-65, 78-109 and 145 under 35 USC §112, second paragraph as being incomplete for omitting the essential step of

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